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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please amend this application as follows herein.

**In the Specification**

Please insert the following heading and paragraph after the title of the application on page 1 of the specification:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

A1  
This application is a national phase application based on PCT/GB00/03335, filed August 31, 2000, and which further claims priority from British Application No. 9922039.4 filed September 18, 1999. These applications in their entirety are incorporated herein by reference.

**In the Claims**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

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3. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in claim 1 wherein the polyester chain containing C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylene groups is derivable from optionally alkyl substituted  $\epsilon$ -caprolactone and  $\delta$ -valerolactone.
  4. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in claim 1 wherein the C<sub>8-30</sub>-alkenylene chain is derivable from ricinoleic acid.